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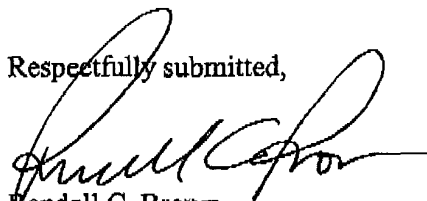
This application is in condition for allowance based on the Notice of Allowance mailed May 6, 2004. The issue fee for this application was paid on July 6, 2004.

As the Examiner has authority to enter amendments submitted after the Notice of Allowance of an application that do not affect the scope of the claims as allowed, Applicants request that this amendment to be entered without withdrawing the case from issue. The amendment supplies the paragraph for the first page of the specification requested by Examiner Flood during the telephone interview conducted on September 27, 2004.

It is requested that this application be issued as a patent on an expedited basis in view of the long pendency thereof and the delays in processing since the payment of the issue fee.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments regarding the amendment, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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